

A systematic approach to:

- Combat decades of tuition increases above inflation
- Protect against changes to the federal student lending program that will devastate the current law school business model
- Enable graduates to fill access to justice gaps and keep the economy strong and growing
- Ensure the legal profession reflects society’s diverse population

But schools face unrelenting incentives that make lowering prices, equitable access, and curricular innovation difficult.

The Goal: fewer financial barriers to entering the legal profession

Tuition has outpaced inflation since 1985

+582%

Public Schools

+273%

Private Schools

But salaries have only kept up with inflation

The average graduate has **\$133k** in law school debt

35%

of the average discretionary income is needed to service that debt

Black and Latino students **pay and borrow more** for law school than their white and Asian counterparts, in part due to inequitable distribution of scholarships

The Plan: identify and create novel policies and tools to lower costs

<p>Improve Regulation</p> <p><u>More Transparency.</u> Reveal and resolve inequitable pricing within law schools.</p> <p><u>More Freedom to Innovate.</u> Reduce burdensome and unnecessary restrictions on law school operations.</p> <p><u>More Consumer Protection.</u> Help law schools responsibly discharge their duties to our profession and those we serve.</p>	<p>Slow the <i>U.S. News</i> Rat Race</p> <p><u>Update the Methodology.</u> Convince <i>U.S. News & World Report</i> to value efficiency over wasteful spending.</p> <p><u>Change the Narrative.</u> Reduce groupthink about the law school rankings in and around the profession.</p> <p><u>Promote Competition.</u> Enhance and elevate competition to reduce the influence of <i>U.S. News</i> and help students make better choices.</p>	<p>Change the Incentives Game</p> <p>Law schools crave a deliberate, thoughtful, and transparent mechanism to validate their societal contributions. We will help schools align their values and decisions through an indexing and badging system, which is based on an already-proven model in legal education. The LST Index will generate a better market for access, affordability, and curricular innovation.</p>
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Impact Through Partnerships

More accessible, affordable, and innovative legal education will lessen access to justice gaps, improve diversity and inclusion, and create a foundation for success for new lawyers. Our partners include state and national bar associations, nonprofits, corporations, legal academics, former regulators, and individual lawyers.